

**§ 76.25–15**

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**TABLE 76.25–10(b)(1)**

Minimum nominal pipe size, inches	Maximum number of heads served	
	Vessels whose construction is more combustible than that set forth in §§ 72.05–5 through 72.05–60	Vessels constructed in general agreement with §§ 72.05–5 through 72.05–60
1 .....	2	2
1¼ .....	3	3
1½ .....	5	5
2 .....	10	10
2½ .....	20	40
3 .....	40	250
3½ .....	65	.....
4 .....	100	.....
5 .....	160	.....
6 .....	250	.....

(2) If a complete loop cross main is employed, the size of such cross main shall be in proportion to the number of sprinkler heads served. The minimum pipe sizes shall be as given in table 76.25–10(b)(2). The entire loop shall be of the same size pipe.

**TABLE 76.25–10(b)(2)**

Minimum nominal pipe size, inches	Maximum number of heads served	
	Vessels whose construction is more combustible than that set forth in §§ 72.05–5 through 72.05–60	Vessels constructed in general agreement with §§ 72.05–5 through 72.05–60
1 .....	5	5
1¼ .....	9	9
1½ .....	13	13
2 .....	22	30
2½ .....	40	80
3 .....	80	250
3½ .....	130	.....
4 .....	250	.....

**§ 76.25–15 Pumps and water supply.**

(a) An automatically controlled pump shall be provided to supply the sprinkling system and shall be used for no other purpose. The size and capacity of the pump shall be governed by the zone having the greatest capacity need for any one deck, and shall be suitable to operate at least the number of heads noted in table 76.25–15(a) with a Pitot tube pressure of at least 15 p.s.i. at all heads (approximately 20 GPM per

head). There shall also be sufficient pumping capacity available, either from the automatic pump, the fire pumps, or other source, so that in conjunction with the automatic pump the total number of heads noted in table 76.25–15(a) may be operated with the same efficiency as noted above, and at the same time to deliver water from the two highest fire hose outlets in a manner similar to that described in § 76.10–5(c). Intermediate values may be obtained by interpolation.

**TABLE 76.25–15(a)**

Maximum number of heads on one deck in one zone	Number of heads automatic pump to supply	Number of heads additional pumps to supply
5 .....	5	.....
10 .....	10	.....
20 .....	10	10
30 .....	12	16
40 .....	15	18
50 .....	15	25
60 .....	20	25
80 .....	20	30
100 .....	20	40
120 .....	20	50
150 .....	20	60
200 .....	20	75
250 .....	20	100

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 76.25–20 Pressure tank.**

(a) A pressure tank or other suitable means shall be installed to permit early action of the system pending the starting of the pump. Sufficient fresh water shall be carried in the tank to fill the piping of the largest zone, and in addition, force out at least 200 gallons at the least effective head in the zone at a Pitot tube pressure of at least 15 p.s.i. Suitable check valves shall be installed to prevent salt water from entering the pressure tank, and low water and low pressure alarms shall be fitted.

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 76.25–25 Controls.**

(a) The controls for the system shall be outside the spaces protected, and shall not be located in such space as might be cut off or made inaccessible in the event of fire in any of the spaces protected. The control space shall be marked as required by § 78.47–17 of this subchapter.